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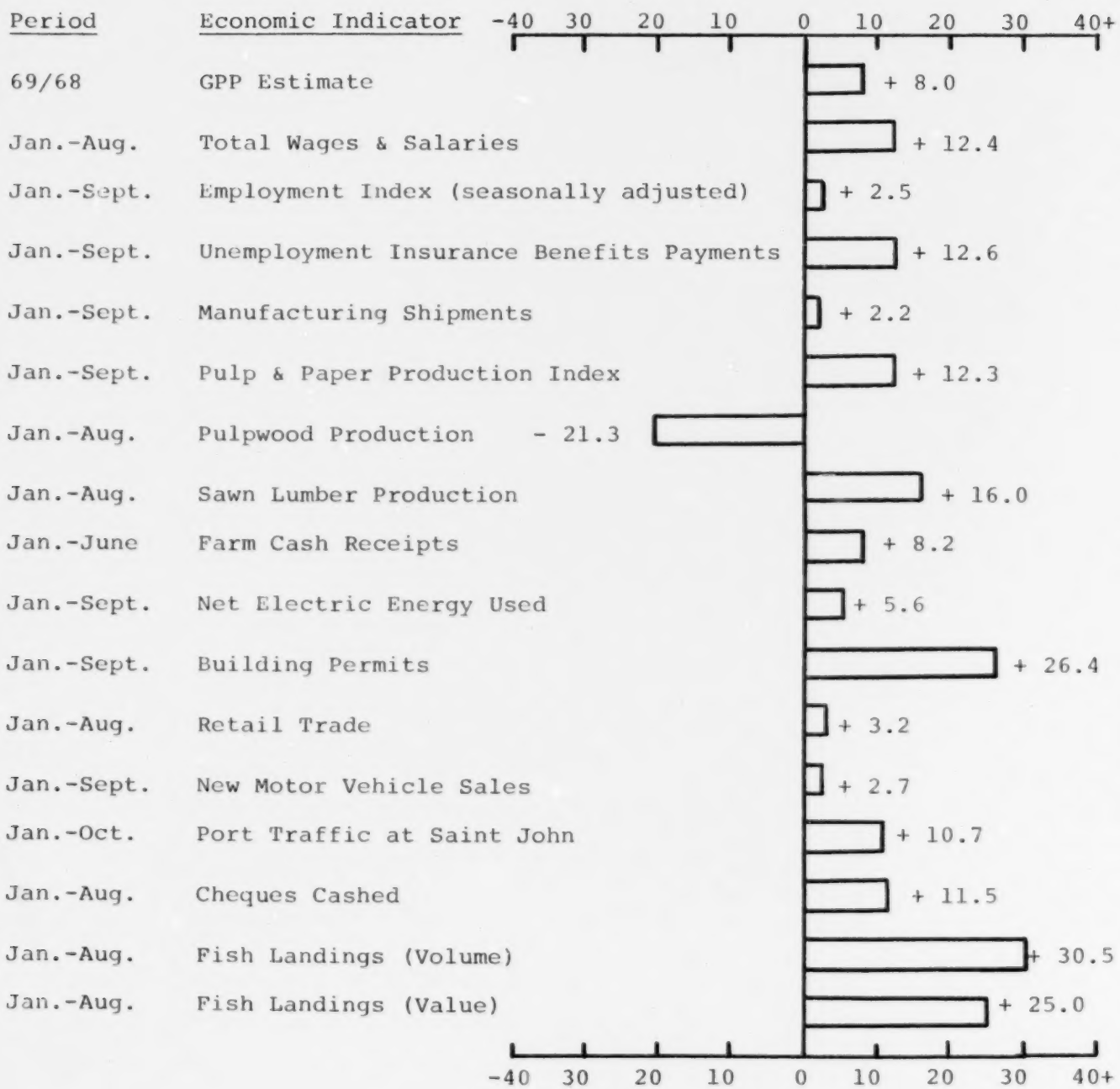
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69/68 GPP Estimate + 8.0
Jan.-Aug. Total Wages & Salaries + 12.4
Jan.-Sept. Employment Index (seasonally adjusted) + 2.5
Jan.-Sept. Unemployment Insurance Benefits Payments + 12.6
Jan.-Sept. Manufacturing Shipments + 2.2
Jan.-Sept. Pulp & Paper Production Index + 12.3
Jan.-Aug. Pulpwood Production - 21.3
Jan.-Aug. Sawn Lumber Production + 16.0
Jan.-June Farm Cash Receipts + 8.2
Jan.-Sept. Net Electric Energy Used + 5.6
Jan.-Sept. Building Permits + 26.4
Jan.-Aug. Retail Trade + 3.2
Jan.-Sept. New Motor Vehicle Sales + 2.7
Jan.-Oct. Port Traffic at Saint John + 10.7
Jan.-Aug. Cheques Cashed + 11.5
Jan.-Aug. Fish Landings (Volume) + 30.5
Jan.-Aug. Fish Landings (Value) + 25.0
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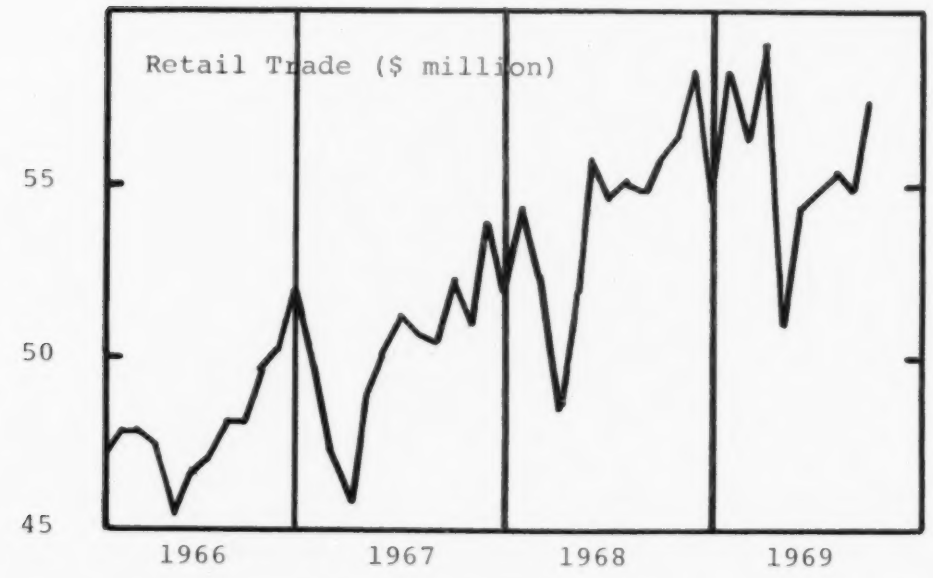
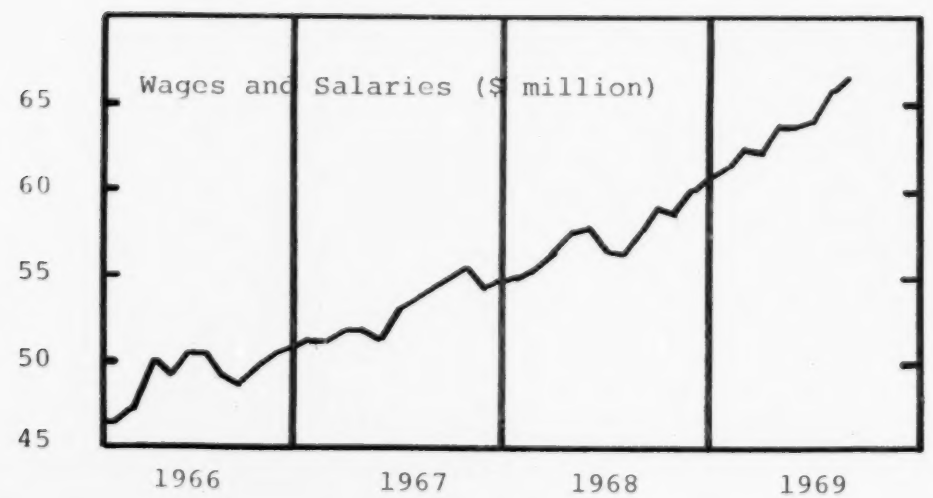
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS
New Brunswick





The New Brunswick Economy

With another record fishing catch this year, a healthy increase in investment and smaller increases in agriculture and manufacturing, 1969 is proving to be a good year for the New Brunswick economy. The increase in Gross Provincial Product over 1968 should be about 8%. Price rises will account for about one-half of this growth. Total wages and salaries are growing even more rapidly in the province this year. However, unemployment is also up as employment growth slows in the face of national policies to combat persistent inflation.

At the national level, a healthy increase in the first quarter and a weak second quarter was followed by some picking up in the rate of growth of Gross National Product in the summer quarter. By the end of the year Gross National Product is expected to have grown by roughly 9% over 1968 with nearly half of this increase, or 4%, eaten up by price increases. Unemployment continues to be a problem as the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 4.3% in

January to 5.0% by September. Due partly to a number of major labour strikes, total industrial production has fallen off since the first quarter with mining registering the largest decline.

In the United States the unemployment rate was significantly lower, at about 3.5%. Offsetting this is a higher rate of price increase of about 5% so that 1969 is expected to show a growth rate of only 3% in real production. Forecasts for 1970 suggest moderate expansion of output through the first half of the year with some slight lessening of price increases and an upward creep in unemployment.

Returning to the Provincial scene, the primary sectors have shown conflicting trends in 1969. While fishing advanced rapidly and agriculture less so, mining production was about the same as last year and forestry output appears to have declined.

Farm cash receipts in the first half of 1969 totaled nearly $25 million, up 8% over the same period as in 1968. Most of the $2 million increase comes from livestock and products or more specifically cattle and calves and poultry.

Potatoes continue to be the most important crop and largest component of farm cash receipts but have shown only a slight increase in value for the first half of 1969.

The New Brunswick fishing industry is heading toward another record year with the value of fish catch expected to approximate $16 million by year's end. This would be significantly higher than the $14.5 million in 1968 and well above earlier years. The increased catch is largely due to increases of at least $500 thousand in each of herring, lobster and Queen Crab and a $250 thousand increase in the shrimp catch. Declines were registered in the landings of such species as scallops, cod, salmon and haddock. The Gloucester and Kent County areas accounted for virtually all of the increases in the 1969 fishing catch.

Mineral production in New Brunswick maintained the same level in 1969 as in 1968, that is, roughly $87 million. This has occurred despite the mid-year closing of Heathe Steele Mines for expansion. With its reopening next year and possible price increases in selected minerals, expectations are that 1970 may show a substantial increase in output.

Forestry presented a conflicting picture in 1969. While pulpwood production fell some 20% over the first eight months the forest related manufacturing industries appear to have had a good year. The pulp and paper production index for the first three quarters of the year is up 12% from the corresponding period last year. In addition a number of new and expanded mills are being built in the Province. Sawn lumber is exhibiting its second consecutive year of rapid growth with production at the end of August running 16% ahead of last year. Perhaps this is a reflection of the large Provincial increases in both housing starts (+25.5% for nine months) and houses under construction (+22.2% as of September 30). A similarly large increase (+26.4%) in all building permits issued by September of 1969 would appear to speak well for the future.

Overall growth of the manufacturing sector may not have been so rapid as the preceeding figures on the wood based industry groups would suggest. After the first three quarters of 1969, the gross value of all manufacturing shipments is estimated to be only slightly greater than 2% above last year's shipments. However, in light of

recent upward revisions of earlier years in this series it is suspected that this series has had a tendency to under estimate recent growth. In contrast, note the nearly 4% growth this year in manufacturing employment over 1968 and the growth in manufacturing wages and salaries of 10.8% for the January to August period.

The construction industry was another of New Brunswick's strong points in 1969. New investment in the Province is expected to reach $383 million in 1969 for an increase of 15% over 1968. Spending for construction is anticipated to be 6% higher, 32% for the purchase of machinery and equipment. For Canada an increase of 11% is expected in spending for new capital facilities.

Growth in total employment in New Brunswick during 1969 has not been sufficient to match the rapidly growing labour force resulting in an increase in the total number of persons unemployed. The unemployment rate has also continued to rise and will probably average about 9% for the year.

Average weekly wages and salaries are up roughly 8% and this coupled with increased employment has resulted in total

wages and salaries over 12% ahead of last year. With increased taxes offsetting this somewhat, consumer spending has not been as buoyant. Retail trade has increased only 3.2% this year, largely accounted for by increased prices. The consumer price index for Saint John was, to the end of October, averaging 3.9% above last year. Restaurant receipts are up over 9% after nine months while cheques cashed show a substantial increase of 11.5% in the first eight months. Tourist car entries show a slight increase over last year.

With respect to transportation, railway freight both loaded and unloaded at points in New Brunswick have shown over the first half of the year substantial increases over earlier years. In addition, the volume of port traffic at the Saint John harbour is up approximately 11% after successive declines in 1967 and 1968. Both incoming and outgoing traffic have registered increases.

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(I) POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Table 1 - Population

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	616,000	618,000	623,000	626,000
April	616,000	619,000	624,000	626,000
June	617,000	620,000	624,000	625,000
July	617,000	621,000	625,000	626,000
October	617,000	623,000	626,000	626,000
% change (Oct./Oct.)		(+ 1.0)	(+ 0.5)	(0.0)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

Table 2 - Marriages (number)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	177	184	258	343
February	221	213	174	225
March	148	240	249	179
April	379	315	294	283
May	367	421	426	291
June	518	544	459	455
July	812	863	651	746
August	638	724	778	841
September	556	712	752	943
October	576	500	500	631
November	393	386	408	
December	380	350	384	
Total	5,165	5,452	5,333	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 8.4	+ 5.6	- 2.2	(+ 8.7)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 3 - Births
(number)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	1,050	1,011	1,145	1,039
February	1,017	932	844	894
March	1,094	1,084	1,084	906
April	1,073	1,102	963	884
May	1,144	1,085	1,129	1,025
June	1,066	1,072	946	1,011
July	1,050	1,088	965	877
August	1,138	1,019	915	1,200
September	1,155	1,060	838	1,104
October	968	1,003	979	1,153
November	953	947	896	
December	1,014	950	1,046	
Total	12,722	12,353	11,750	
% change	- 10.3	- 2.9	- 4.9	
(Jan.-Oct.)				(+ 2.9)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 4 - Deaths
(number)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	391	446	506	430
February	381	378	427	451
March	392	412	500	412
April	412	367	362	386
May	426	389	464	355
June	373	416	370	408
July	368	444	303	341
August	412	423	359	459
September	375	413	442	492
October	416	404	371	462
November	412	386	354	
December	413	416	460	
Total	4,771	4,894	4,918	
% change	+ 1.3	+ 2.6	+ 0.5	
(Jan.-Oct.)				(+2.2)

Sources: D.B.S. 11-003 & 84-202.

(II) LABOUR

Table 5 - Total Wages and Salaries
(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	45.5	49.9	53.8	59.5
February	45.5	49.3	53.3	59.9
March	45.9	49.7	54.2	59.8
April	46.9	49.2	54.6	60.2
May	48.6	50.8	56.5	62.8
June	51.7	54.9	58.7	66.0
July	51.7	55.6	59.4	68.6
August	50.9	56.1	60.5	69.9
September	51.0	57.0	60.9	
October	51.3	56.6	60.1	
November	51.0	55.1	60.2	
December	49.8	53.7	59.2	
Total	589.8	637.9	691.4	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 13.1	+ 8.2	+ 8.4	(+ 12.4)

Source: D.B.S. 72-005.

Table 6 - Average Weekly Wages and Salaries*
(dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	78.99	84.93	90.96	96.51
February	80.51	85.71	91.04	97.71
March	79.87	86.48	91.36	97.62
April	80.93	86.28	89.40	95.99
May	78.94	83.09	87.19	93.86
June	78.71	84.43	87.65	94.97
July	80.35	83.93	87.50	96.09
August	72.40	84.23	88.21	96.60
September	79.76	86.06	89.43	95.72
October	79.77	86.59	89.56	
November	80.60	85.85	91.46	
December	80.30	85.68	91.50	
Average	79.26	85.27	89.60	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 6.0	+ 7.6	+ 5.1	(+ 7.8)

Sources: D.B.S. 72-001 & 72-002.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 7 - Employment Index (seasonally adjusted)*
(1961 = 100)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	113.6	116.4	115.0	117.0
February	113.2	115.6	114.7	118.4
March	114.7	115.3	116.6	118.9
April	119.0	115.8	119.5	122.5
May	116.4	114.7	119.3	121.1
June	117.5	115.8	116.8	118.8
July	116.8	117.3	115.8	117.7
August	114.9	118.0	115.8	119.5
September	113.2	117.6	116.3	122.2
October	113.9	117.6	116.8	
November	114.1	116.5	116.0	
December	115.5	116.4	115.8	
Average	115.2	116.4	116.5	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 5.0	+ 1.1	+ 0.1	(+ 2.5)

Source: D.B.S. 72-002.
*Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.

Table 8 - Unemployment Insurance Benefits Payments
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	2,041	2,114	2,775	3,256
February	2,630	2,420	3,225	3,190
March	2,858	3,120	3,022	3,310
April	2,424	3,167	2,914	3,355
May	1,736	2,243	2,248	2,724
June	593	681	724	885
July	554	593	481	773
August	484	480	847	858
September	486	422	678	695
October	594	510	612	
November	668	616	773	
December	1,134	1,021	1,484	
Total	16,202	17,387	19,783	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	- 2.2	+ 7.3	+ 13.8	(+12.6)

Source: D.B.S. 73-001.

Table 9 - Labour Force, Employment and Unemployment
(thousands)

Month	Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969
January	193	200	204	175	178	180	18	22	24	9.3	11.0	11.8
February	193	196	202	171	176	178	22	20	24	11.4	10.2	11.9
March	194	197	202	172	174	177	22	23	25	11.3	11.7	12.4
April	195	201	214	173	179	185	22	22	29	11.3	10.9	13.6
May	199	208	218	185	196	199	14	12	19	7.0	5.8	8.7
June	206	214	217	197	204	203	9	10	14	4.4	4.7	6.5
July	217	221	226	208	211	212	9	10	14	4.1	4.5	6.2
August	216	220	222	208	210	209	8	10	13	3.7	4.5	5.9
September	210	217	210	203	208	199	7	9	11	3.3	4.1	5.2
October	211	207	212	203	195	200	8	12	12	3.8	5.8	5.7
November	208	207		196	194		12	13		5.8	6.3	
December	205	206		191	189		14	17		6.8	8.3	
Average	204	208		190	193		14	15		6.8	7.3	
% change	0.0	+2.0		0.0	+1.6		0.0	+7.1		0.0	+7.4	
(Jan.-Oct.)			(+2.2)			(+0.6)			(+23.3)			(+20.1)

Source: D.B.S. 71-001.

(III) PRIMARY INDUSTRY

Table 10 - Farm Cash Receipts From Farming Operations
(thousand dollars)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
1st Quarter	13,723	11,117	10,816	11,495
2nd Quarter	14,258	10,610	12,265	13,475
3rd Quarter	11,659	12,908	12,313	
4th Quarter	12,987	13,504	13,974	
Total	52,627	48,139	49,368	
% Change (1Q.-2Q.)	- 12.2	- 8.5	+ 2.6	(+ 8.2)

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.

Table 11 - Sources of Farm Cash Receipts
(thousand dollars)

	1966	1967	1968
(A) Field Crops			
Potatoes	16,072	10,260	12,543
Fruits	2,121	1,850	1,575
Vegetables	1,279	1,142	1,125
Oats	293	276	247
Other Crops*	1,135	973	1,071
Sub-total	20,900	14,501	16,561
(B) Livestock and Livestock Products			
Dairy Products	11,075	11,201	10,897
Cattle and Calves	7,463	7,882	7,397
Eggs	4,191	3,539	4,085
Hogs	3,088	2,733	3,532
Poultry	3,210	3,310	3,356
Sheep and Lambs	197	189	216
Other	464	492	488
Sub-total	29,688	29,346	29,971
(C) Forest and Maple Products	1,342	1,228	1,125

Source: D.B.S. 21-001.
*Receipts from the sale of tobacco are included with "other crops" because less than three firms reporting.

Table 12 - Pulpwood Production-Domestic Use
(thousand cunits)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	46.3	90.5	84.9	92.3
February	30.7	63.9	69.2	65.8
March	30.6	67.1	77.8	64.9
April	25.9	34.5	40.2	57.8
May	26.5	51.7	111.0	73.4
June	162.8	146.5	210.4	149.5
July	150.7	217.8	221.1	140.8
August	125.5	200.9	232.9	180.4
September	140.8	167.2	167.3	
October	172.5	107.4	140.4	
November	131.8	149.9	104.4	
December	113.7	155.5	75.4	
Total	1,157.8	1,452.9	1,535.0	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 15.9	+ 25.5	+ 5.7	(- 21.3)

Source: D.B.S. 25-001.

Table 13 - Coal Production
(thousand tons)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	80.2	78.7	70.9	74.5
February	73.4	57.2	63.5	52.3
March	72.5	76.3	61.2	50.6
April	67.1	72.1	58.4	55.4
May	69.1	64.4	63.2	45.9
June	61.1	71.4	58.5	47.7
July	66.2	67.8	69.8	59.6
August	85.4	83.6	70.3	69.8
September	90.0	70.7	60.6	
October	81.4	69.2	78.8	
November	80.4	65.0	68.3	
December	71.5	61.5	73.8	
Total	898.3	837.9	797.3	
Strip	752.8	716.5	715.8	
Shaft	145.7	121.2	81.3	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	- 9.8	- 6.7	- 4.8	(- 11.6)

Source: D.B.S. 45-002.

Table 14 - Volume of Fish Landings
(thousand pounds)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	1,853	4,640	2,939	6,974
February	1,840	12,775	11,673	10,797
March	4,967	579	18,663	3,401
April	11,003	7,334	16,356	8,030
May	34,326	20,307	43,970	34,332
June	35,235	32,309	34,762	54,342
July	54,409	79,312	64,899	83,040
August	46,130	56,368	73,770	147,448
September	62,095	52,226	98,605	
October	49,610	29,769	49,657	
November	11,315	28,435	27,175	
December	33,455	30,838	92,129	
Total	346,238	354,892	534,598	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 19.0	+ 2.5	+ 50.6	(+ 30.5)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.

Table 15 - Value of Fish Landings
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	98	149	98	430
February	119	279	257	291
March	139	25	346	162
April	317	177	353	283
May	1,227	843	1,619	1,439
June	1,543	1,558	1,771	2,339
July	1,702	2,323	1,615	1,726
August	1,661	1,438	1,943	3,336
September	1,740	1,483	2,830	
October	1,103	1,106	1,544	
November	733	779	926	
December	613	616	1,233	
Total	10,995	10,776	14,535	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 4.2	- 2.0	+ 34.9	(+ 25.0)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.

Table 16 - Volume of Lobster Catch*
(thousand pounds)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	19	21	7	42
February	6	4	5	12
March	4	2	1	3
April	40	14	9	23
May	1,148	713	1,374	788
June	1,009	1,203	1,051	1,260
July	434	611	66	220
August	1,404	706	894	1,606
September	977	907	1,344	
October	376	533	534	
November	444	282	427	
December	258	174	251	
Total	6,119	5,170	5,963	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 0.1	- 15.5	+ 15.3	(+16.1)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.
*Lobsters are also included in the Fish Landings Series.

Table 17 - Value of Lobster Catch*
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	18	16	7	37
February	6	4	6	12
March	4	2	1	3
April	28	14	9	21
May	618	445	838	502
June	571	723	660	892
July	238	371	39	158
August	730	443	590	1,197
September	511	588	969	
October	196	350	400	
November	332	227	291	
December	193	150	179	
Total	3,445	3,333	3,989	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	- 8.8	- 3.3	+ 19.7	(+ 31.3)

Source: D.B.S. 24-002.
*Lobsters are also included in the Fish Landings series.

(IV) MANUFACTURING

Table 18 - Gross Value of Manufacturing Shipments
(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	38.3	41.1	42.6	44.4
February	37.9	39.3	42.7	42.3
March	41.1	44.0	44.6	46.2
April	40.0	41.2	46.0	45.2
May	46.0	47.1	54.3	49.6
June	50.3	51.1	51.2	50.9
July	51.5	47.5	49.8	51.3
August	49.9	48.7	49.1	51.5
September	46.2	47.8	45.9	54.2
October	44.3	47.5	50.4	
November	45.1	48.9	47.5	
December	43.8	42.9	45.2	
Total	534.4	547.1	569.4	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 4.2	+ 2.4	+ 4.1	(+ 2.2)

Source: D.B.S. 31-001.

Table 19 - Pulp and Paper Production Index
(1953 Quarterly Average = 100)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
Jan. - Mar.	177.9	187.4	183.7	216.0
Apr. - June	165.2	171.5	193.6	210.0
July - Sept.	182.9	177.3	183.5	203.7
Oct. - Dec.	190.7	188.4	203.5	
Average	184.2	181.2	191.1	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 8.4	- 1.6	+ 5.5	(+ 12.3)

Source: Based on data from the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

Table 20 - Sawn Lumber Production
(million feet, board measure)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	18.4	15.4	21.8	26.7
February	20.6	21.3	22.6	23.9
March	22.6	23.5	26.3	27.9
April	15.3	20.2	21.1	28.7
May	17.9	12.8	22.9	24.0
June	26.7	22.0	23.1	29.5
July	25.8	23.7	24.0	29.0
August	27.0	24.2	28.4	30.9
September	17.7	19.5	18.6	
October	21.7	20.9	25.8	
November	16.2	12.6	18.3	
December	17.9	17.5	22.4	
Total	247.8	233.6	275.3	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 5.7	- 5.7	+17.9	(+ 16.0)

Source: D.B.S. 35-002.

(V) UTILITIES

Table 21 - Net Electric Energy Used
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	246	290	310	335
February	226	268	294	306
March	245	300	306	318
April	240	271	291	313
May	247	267	299	321
June	242	245	280	281
July	242	254	277	296
August	255	266	283	302
September	245	264	284	298
October	280	291	310	
November	277	287	317	
December	288	306	334	
Total	3,033	3,311	3,585	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)		+ 9.2	+ 8.3	(+ 5.6)

Source: D.B.S. 57-001.

Table 22 - Net Electricity Provided by NBEPC for Consumption
(million kilowatt hours)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	206	246	267	278
February	186	226	246	256
March	200	241	253	266
April	187	227	243	246
May	199	225	242	263
June	191	202	238	247
July	196	213	223	249
August	207	229	249	249
September	207	215	237	259
October	226	245	261	263
November	230	239	268	
December	233	246	279	
Total	2,468	2,754	3,006	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	+11.6	+11.6	+ 9.2	(+ 4.8)

Source: The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

Table 23 - Long Distance Calls Originating in New Brunswick
(thousands)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	535	620	706	740
February	505	580	653	681
March	572	653	682	756
April	560	617	679	764
May	611	704	749	818
June	637	717	731	832
July	668	753	859	909
August	725	779	866	896
September	660	718	762	852
October	649	721	795	
November	641	697	766	
December	668	717	764	
Total	7,431	8,276	9,012	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	+12.0	+11.4	+ 8.9	(+ 8.4)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

Table 24 - Telephones in Service
(thousands)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	174	185	196	207
February	175	187	197	208
March	175	187	198	208
April	176	188	199	209
May	178	188	201	211
June	179	190	202	212
July	181	191	203	212
August	181	192	203	214
September	182	194	205	215
October	183	195	206	
November	183	195	206	
December	184	195	207	
Average	179	191	202	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 7.2	+ 6.7	+ 5.8	(+ 5.1)

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

(VI) CONSTRUCTION

Table 25 - Housing Starts and Houses Under Construction (All Areas)
(number)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
(A) Starts				
1st Quarter	258	174	172	256
2nd Quarter	853	875	932	1,483
3rd Quarter	782	952	1,152	1,092
4th Quarter	637	545	1,071	
Total	2,530	2,546	3,327	
% change (1 Q.- 3Q.)	- 10.6	+ 0.6	+ 30.7	(+ 25.5)
(B) Under Construction				
March 31	1,312	997	1,035	1,380
June 30	1,355	1,375	1,445	2,191
September 30	1,625	1,806	1,873	2,288
December 31	1,428	1,506	1,921	
% change (Sept./Sept.)	(-26.3)	(+11.1)	(+3.7)	(+22.2)

Source: D.B.S. 64-002.

Table 26 - Building Permits Issued*
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	713	1,004	2,098	3,535
February	1,541	436	853	10,912
March	4,937	1,483	5,759	4,633
April	2,769	5,173	4,048	10,370
May	8,819	6,630	6,897	5,196
June	3,000	10,620	9,709	5,051
July	4,239	5,941	5,593	5,850
August	3,811	4,817	6,793	9,167
September	5,937	4,996	8,352	8,596
October	5,096	4,220	9,102	
November	2,041	7,622	4,518	
December	3,024	6,710	11,147	
Total	45,927	59,652	74,869	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	- 36.7	+ 29.9	+ 25.5	(+ 26.4)

Source: D.B.S. 64-001.

*Does not cover engineering projects (roads, bridges, dams, etc.) nor non-urban construction.

(VII) TRADE AND FINANCE

Table 27 - Value of Retail Trade
(thousand dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	39,829	41,264	45,072	50,848
February	36,933	36,551	42,462	43,455
March	46,917	45,779	47,764	57,172
April	48,792	48,397	50,932	50,636
May	47,629	53,347	60,244	59,572
June	48,795	54,396	56,422	55,830
July	49,736	52,585	57,178	57,354
August	44,855	47,056	52,859	51,394
September	46,634	51,372	52,100	
October	50,864	51,798	58,339	
November	52,599	56,485	63,272	
December	66,607	64,197	65,969	
Total	580,190	603,227	652,613	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 3.9	+ 4.0	+ 8.2	(+ 3.2)

Source: D.B.S. 63-005.

Table 28 - Consumer Price Index (Saint John)
(1961 = 100)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	105.8	109.8	113.4	116.6
February	106.5	110.1	113.6	116.3
March	106.6	110.2	113.9	117.1
April	107.3	110.6	114.3	119.3
May	107.4	110.5	114.7	119.5
June	108.1	110.9	115.2	120.3
July	108.2	111.1	115.9	121.0
August	108.9	112.1	116.3	121.6
September	109.0	111.9	116.2	121.5
October	108.8	111.9	115.7	121.1
November	108.7	111.9	116.2	
December	108.9	112.6	116.4	
Average Index	107.8	111.1	115.1	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 2.6	+ 3.1	+ 3.6	(+ 3.9)

Source: D.B.S. 62-002.

Table 29 - Cheques Cashed in Clearing Houses
(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	340.3	410.3	412.2	460.4
February	316.6	364.2	374.3	416.6
March	342.9	400.7	411.0	423.6
April	372.9	446.2	404.4	461.2
May	383.3	424.0	452.4	468.2
June	395.6	407.4	404.5	465.3
July	358.4	400.0	414.5	524.6
August	376.4	451.1	401.0	429.9
September	359.4	387.2	406.9	
October	355.4	419.9	450.8	
November	383.1	444.8	448.9	
December	398.4	381.8	452.4	
Total	4,382.7	4,937.6	5,033.3	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 13.1	+ 12.7	+ 1.9	(+ 11.5)

Source: D.B.S. 61-001.

Table 30 - Number of New Motor Vehicle Sales*

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
(A) All Vehicles				
January	1,649	1,284	1,287	1,505
February	1,684	1,044	1,445	2,005
March	2,958	1,790	2,147	2,879
April	2,528	1,975	2,064	2,462
May	2,180	2,507	2,805	2,179
June	1,940	2,293	2,596	2,048
July	1,717	1,569	2,160	1,745
August	1,593	1,612	1,708	1,500
September	1,119	1,255	1,294	1,821
October	1,850	1,607	2,233	
November	1,657	1,588	1,635	
December	2,307	1,321	1,473	
Total	23,182	19,845	22,847	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 2.3	- 14.4	+ 15.1	(+ 2.7)

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Table 30 - (Continued)*

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
(B) Passenger Vehicles				
January	1,338	1,047	1,010	1,230
February	1,424	809	1,176	1,640
March	2,563	1,514	1,793	2,434
April	2,103	1,680	1,766	1,990
May	1,814	2,122	2,336	1,812
June	1,600	1,904	2,142	1,646
July	1,459	1,249	1,757	1,326
August	1,299	1,251	1,376	1,148
September	947	981	1,022	1,452
October	1,574	1,282	1,780	
November	1,426	1,299	1,329	
December	1,897	1,043	1,205	
Total	19,444	16,181	18,692	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	+ 3.0	- 16.8	+ 15.5	(+ 2.1)
(C) Commercial Vehicles				
January	311	237	277	275
February	260	235	269	365
March	395	276	354	445
April	425	295	298	472
May	366	385	469	367
June	340	389	454	402
July	258	320	403	419
August	294	361	332	352
September	172	274	272	369
October	276	325	453	
November	231	289	306	
December	410	278	268	
Total	3,738	3,664	4,155	
% change (Jan.-Sept.)	- 1.2	- 2.0	+13.4	(+10.8)

Source: D.B.S. 63-007.

*Data on Value of Motor Vehicle Sales for 1967 are being computed on a new base and are no longer comparable with pre-1967 data. Therefore, only the Number of Motor Vehicles are shown.

Table 31 - Life Insurance Sales
(million dollars)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	8.9	11.0	10.5	14.0
February	13.3	12.7	15.2	15.3
March	12.2	12.4	15.5	15.0
April	12.3	13.1	14.2	14.8
May	13.1	13.5	14.4	13.4
June	12.6	15.1	16.0	17.0
July	11.4	11.4	13.6	15.0
August	11.6	12.1	12.8	14.0
September	13.0	12.2	12.6	
October	14.4	15.0	16.4	
November	14.2	17.2	16.2	
December	13.7	14.6	14.3	
Total	150.7	160.3	171.7	
% change (Jan.-Aug.)	+ 5.8	+ 6.4	+ 7.1	(+ 5.6)

Source: D.B.S. 11-003.

(VIII) TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM

Table 32 - Total Tourist Car Entries
(number)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
June	131,007	136,292	151,357	156,269
July	258,266	256,452	283,086	292,007
August	232,829	231,384	278,797	288,036
September	141,107	146,137	147,879	143,504
Total	763,209	773,265	861,119	879,816
% change	(+12.5)	(+ 1.3)	(+11.4)	(+ 2.2)

Source: New Brunswick Travel Bureau.

Table 33 - Railway Freight Loaded at Points in New Brunswick
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
1st Quarter	1,144.2	1,324.8	1,245.0	1,393.4
2nd Quarter	1,239.5	1,213.5	1,331.7	1,414.5
3rd Quarter	1,147.6	1,072.0	1,129.5	
4th Quarter	1,234.8	1,154.5	1,167.0	
Total	4,766.1	4,764.8	4,873.2	
% change (1Q.-2Q.)	+ 4.5	0.0	+ 2.3	(+ 9.0)

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 34 - Railway Freight Unloaded at Points in New Brunswick
(thousand tons)

Quarter	1966	1967	1968	1969
1st Quarter	1,763.0	1,807.2	1,580.8	1,777.0
2nd Quarter	1,331.1	1,292.3	1,323.9	1,314.5
3rd Quarter	1,137.2	1,051.3	1,097.5	
4th Quarter	1,271.3	1,180.7	1,169.1	
Total	5,502.6	5,331.5	5,171.3	
% change (1Q.-2Q.)	+ 1.0	- 3.1	- 3.0	(+ 6.4)

Source: D.B.S. 52-002.

Table 35 - Total Port Traffic - Saint John Harbour
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	1966	1967	1968	1969
January	723.5	813.6	681.3	738.4
February	730.8	550.3	561.7	689.2
March	825.2	828.2	738.3	762.7
April	462.9	444.1	513.4	543.6
May	448.7	386.8	376.4	411.2
June	433.4	394.3	438.0	448.5
July	459.4	367.9	384.9	461.2
August	473.6	400.7	431.2	351.0
September	447.7	316.0	246.7	392.1
October	329.7	441.1	326.3	401.6
November	542.5	458.8	477.1	
December	591.2	503.6	570.1	
Total	6,468.6	5,905.4	5,745.4	
% change (Jan.-Oct.)	+ 5.8	- 8.7	- 2.7	(+ 10.7)

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

Table 36 - Port Traffic - Saint John Harbour
(thousand cargo tons)

Month	Incoming Traffic 1968	1969	% Change	Outgoing Traffic 1968	1969	% Change
January	416.6	399.7	- 4.1	264.7	338.7	+ 28.0
February	218.1	383.3	+ 75.7	343.6	306.0	- 10.9
March	414.5	306.8	- 26.0	323.8	455.9	+ 40.8
April	265.7	302.7	+ 13.9	247.7	240.9	- 2.7
May	241.7	297.6	+ 23.1	134.7	113.6	- 15.7
June	316.9	265.6	- 16.2	121.1	183.0	+ 51.1
July	293.8	320.0	+ 8.9	91.1	141.2	+ 55.0
August	334.1	218.9	- 34.5	97.1	132.1	+ 36.0
September	130.0	255.1	+ 96.2	116.7	137.1	+ 17.5
October	211.2	252.6	+ 19.6	115.0	149.0	+ 29.6
November	333.2			143.9		
December	339.9			230.2		
Total	3,515.7			2,229.6		
% change	+ 4.8			- 12.6		
(Jan.-Oct.)		(+5.6)			(+18.4)	

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.